

The Toledo African American Legacy Project also posthumously recognized: Dr. Frank A. Brown, who was elected the first African American as Vice President of the Toledo Board of Education and eventually President; and Roland A. Gandy, Jr., who was Chief of Staff at Mercy Hospital and Maumee Valley Hospital and was known for providing services free of charge to Scott High School and the University of Toledo athletics.

In addition to honoring these community leaders, the Toledo African American Legacy Project also highlights young, emerging African-Americans leading the way for the future. This year, four people were recognized for their efforts. Larome Myrick is a Parole Service Supervisor in the Department of Youth Services Toledo Region. Kelly Westmoreland is an agent for Bankers Life and Casualty. Jason Woodward is a minister, deacon and finance director at Trinity Faith Tabernacle Church. Rashieda Timpson is founder and CEO of the Christian based non-profit organization United Sisters (women inspiring women).

It is my sincere pleasure to congratulate all of these honorees for their hard work and dedicated service. We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us and together we build community forward. The 2015 African American Legacy Project honorees represent the excellence that is in us. Their leadership inspires.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARSHA  
BIANCONI'S SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF THE CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2015*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Marsha Bianconi for her distinguished service as the Executive Director of the Conference of Western Wayne. Marsha's commitment to our community has enriched the lives of so many and helped guide the leaders of our region towards collective and coordinated success.

The Conference of Western Wayne is a consortium of eighteen western Wayne County communities who meet monthly to discuss issues including: legislation, transportation, public safety, substance abuse, economic development, and the environment. For over thirty five years, the Conference of Western Wayne has moved forward with its mission to support the bi-partisan, mutual interest of its member communities. For twenty seven of those years, Marsha has shaped the mission, vision, and programming of the organization and taken it far beyond what anyone would have imagined when it started.

As we reflect on her service and accomplishments, it is important to recognize that Marsha has been a wonderful mother of two children, Steven and Melissa, and a loving wife to her husband Bob. After all, we are all working to build stronger, safer communities not just for ourselves, but for our families and friends. While she is looking forward to retirement, I know that we will not lose her insight and leadership in our region because she will continue to stay involved in so many of our community organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Mrs. Marsha Bianconi for her twenty seven years of service to our communities and for her dedication to regional cooperation. I thank her for her leadership and wish her many years of joy in her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO SARA ROSS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sara Ross of Minden, Iowa, for being selected as the Midwest Farm Mom of the Year. Sara grew up in a small rural community in Nebraska, but she did not grow up on a farm. When Sara married her husband Kevin, a sixth-generation Iowa farmer, she took it upon herself to learn the farm business.

The criteria used in selecting the "Farm Mom of the Year" by the American Agri-Women, a national coalition of farm, ranch, and agribusiness women, is based on support for family and commitment to agriculture. Sara's commitment is evident through her blog about farm life, her involvement in volunteer farm organizations, and her international work, including traveling to China to teach women there about U.S. agriculture and soybean production.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Sara for her leadership in the agriculture community in Pottawattamie County, the State of Iowa, and with international partners. Sara's hard work and dedication to her family and farm represents our Iowa values, and I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Sara and in wishing her and her family nothing but the best.

A TRIED AND TRUE TRADITION:  
TEXAS BARBECUE

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2015*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, barbecue is among the great traditions of Texas. Texans are passionate about their favorite barbecue as they are about football and politics. I've heard barbeque, football, and politics should not be brought up in mixed company. All three are contact sports here.

We take our barbecue seriously, and we know we smoke it the best way. Folks are known to plan road trips across the state to remedy a hankering for barbecue at legendary joints, like Louie Miller Barbecue in Taylor, Black's Barbecue in Lockhart, or City Market in Luling. Let's not forget one of the world's best barbecue cook-offs is held every year at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Folks ask me all the time, "Where do you go for good Texas barbecue?"

My choice, hands down, is located practically in my backyard—Tin Roof BBQ in Atascocita. There are few places I would rather be than sidled up to a table at Tin Roof,

catching up on local conversations with neighbors and enjoying authentic Texas barbecue.

Tin Roof has been a staple in our community for 14 years, and over the years, I've eaten there so often that I consider the owners, Ronnie and Nancy Webber, to be friends. Ronnie and Nancy decided to open Tin Roof soon after Ronnie retired from the Houston Police Department. Not content with retirement, they purchased a historic home, located close to Memorial Park, which was used during World War II to house military personnel at Camp Logan. A developer was going to tear it down until the Webbers saved it. They moved the structure to Atascocita and outfitted it in Texas-themed decor.

The restaurant has grown from the original house with several additions, including a Texas-sized covered deck. On a typical Saturday night, folks fill the place to sample delicious, homemade cooking, from Texas' best barbecue to side dishes made from scratch. Of course, there's Ronnie's delicious homemade sauce, sweet tea, and live music.

Family-owned restaurants, like Tin Roof, are the heart of our community. Ronnie and Nancy are deeply rooted here, and it shows. They give back whenever they can. They provide food, friendship, and support for a number of neighborhood organizations, area schools, and our local law enforcement officers. Recently, they participated in a charity cook-off to help the Banded Brigade Outdoors, an organization that provides morale-boosting events, such as hunting, fishing, and target shooting, for those who have served our great country.

Many love barbecue for its taste. Aficionados love it for its craft. Texans love it for its tradition, steeped in community with friends and family gathered around a picnic table, making memories. This weekend grab the family and head to the nearest Texas barbecue joint. Just be careful if you mix it with football and politics.

And that's just the way it is—y'all.

RECOGNIZING PROFESSOR GZ  
(CHARLIE) BROWN

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2015*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize University of Oregon Professor GZ (Charlie) Brown, Philip H. Knight Professor of Architecture. For 38 years, Professor Brown has taught and inspired generations of University of Oregon students and practitioners.

Prof. Brown is a leader in sustainable design and founded the UO Energy Studies in Buildings Laboratory, (ESBL) located in Portland and Eugene. As director of the ESBL, he developed and oversaw research projects focused on understanding how building and transportation design determines energy consumption. The lab collaborates with designers, builders, developers, and governmental agencies to develop strategies and design tools that maximize energy efficiency in new materials, components, assemblies, buildings, and communities. The ESBL has acted as a design consultant on more than 100 projects.

Prof. Brown is a pioneer. In 1988, he collaborated on a study investigating the impacts

of climate change on the energy performance of buildings. In 1991, he served as an advisor on the Global Warming project for the Office of Technology Assessment of the U.S. Congress. He is the author of a pioneering book on the practice of sustainable design, *Sun, Wind and Light: Architectural Design Strategies*, and co-author of *Natural Ventilation in Northwest Buildings* and *Inside Out: Design Procedures for Passive Environmental Technologies*. His list of publications includes more than 100 papers and reports on computing, energy, climate, and housing. He has also co-authored software programs to facilitate design, including *Energy Scheming*, *SIP Scheming*, *Energy Module*, and *Auto Architect*.

Prof. Brown's research topics include visualization of building information, manually activated pneumatic shade controls, natural ventilation, daylighting (including the impact of structural design), heat exchangers, modular construction (with a focus on structural insulated panels), classroom design, building massing, passive design, insulation, energy auditing, and straw bale construction.

He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and the American Solar Energy Society, and has received awards for leadership in research from the U.S. Green Building Council and the Architectural Research Centers Consortium. In 1984, Prof. Brown received the National Award for Energy Innovation from the U.S. Department of Energy and the Governor's Award for Energy Innovation from the State of Oregon.

Prof. Brown will be honored this month by the University of Oregon for his contributions, and it is my honor to recognize and congratulate him for his years of exemplary service.

#### TRIBUTE TO TALL CORN MOTEL

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Tall Corn Motel of Shenandoah, Iowa. For over 60 years, the Tall Corn Motel has been a constant in the Shenandoah community. The business was founded in 1955 and was one of the first motels to be built in the state.

Throughout the 1950s and 1960s the motel went through many changes and new ownership to accommodate what quickly became a famous Iowa landmark. With the economy booming, many motel guests looked at the motel as their home away from home. In fact, even world famous movie stars and musicians, such as the Everly Brothers, Elizabeth Taylor, Dolly Parton, Lucille Ball, John Wayne, and Marilyn Monroe, made appearances throughout the years at the Tall Corn Motel.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Tall Corn Motel for 60 years of dedicated service to the communities and visitors of Shenandoah and southwest Iowa. I urge my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Tall Corn Motel owners, and wishing them and their entire staff nothing but the best moving forward.

#### EL FARO TRAGEDY

### HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2015*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, my heart and prayers go out to the families of those aboard the cargo ship, *El Faro*, which disappeared Thursday evening, northeast of the Crooked Islands, Bahamas. Along with the family members, I hold out hope that the Coast Guard's search and rescue mission will be able to save the lives of surviving crew members.

As a senior member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I will be asking for a complete investigation into this tragic incident. I commend the Coast Guard for everything they do for our nation in the areas of maritime security and environmental protection, and have worked closely with the agency for many years. I was briefed today by the Coast Guard, and was told that in their search and rescue mission, they currently have:

Two Coast Guard HC-130 Hercules airplanes from Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, Florida.

Two Navy P-8 fixed wing airplanes.

One Coast Guard MH-60 Jayhawk from Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, Florida.

Coast Guard Cutter *Northland*, a 210-foot medium endurance cutter homeported in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Coast Guard Cutter *Resolute*, a 210-foot medium endurance cutter homeported in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Coast Guard Cutter *Charles Sexton*, a 154-foot fast response cutter homeported in Key West, Florida.

Three commercial tugboats.

Additionally, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will have an investigative team that will arrive in Jacksonville tomorrow, and I will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide any assistance I am able to.

#### RECOGNIZING LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA, AS THE HAPPIEST CITY IN AMERICA

### HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2015*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lafayette, Louisiana, for being recognized as the Happiest City in America. Lafayette is my home. I was raised there, attended elementary and high school there, obtained my undergraduate degree from the University of Southwest Louisiana there, and began a family there. Anyone who has spent time in our city can tell you it is a place filled with joie de vivre—where friends and neighbors become family, our unique Cajun food, music, and culture abound, and everyone knows how to have a good time.

This designation was awarded by the National Bureau of Economic Research based on a 2014 study conducted by Edward Glaeser of Harvard University, Joshua Gottlieb of the Vancouver School of Economics, and Oren

Ziv, a Harvard University doctoral student. Amazingly, every city in the top five hail from Louisiana, with Houma, Shreveport-Bossier City, Baton Rouge, and Alexandria following Lafayette in the study's findings. Accordingly, Louisiana was found to be the happiest state in the country.

This is just another reason I am proud to call Lafayette, Louisiana, my home. I'm honored to represent this beautiful and diverse city in Congress, and am grateful to be able to recognize its distinction as the Happiest City in America.

#### TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT LUCAS COLOSIMO

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lucas Colosimo for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as complete an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Lucas made and installed an outdoor meditative pathway, which included the Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas More Center in Panora, Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Lucas and his supportive family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

#### IN HONOR OF THE 75TH BIRTHDAY OF JOHN JENKINS

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2015*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize John Jenkins on his 75th birthday on October 16th.

Mr. Jenkins was born in Dayton, Ohio in 1940. In his childhood, he worked on his family's farm, and showed a strong work ethic and a dedication to every job he held. He eventually began a career as an investment specialist, helping others achieve the American dream.

However, not everything in John's life was perfect. He struggled with alcoholism, which later led to an addiction to crack cocaine. His addictions caused him to reach rock bottom, and he found himself living in a burned out